

# Message from Juvenile Court Director Tim Hardy



On behalf of the Yuma County Juvenile Court, I am pleased to present our 2014 annual report. I believe you will see that it highlights many significant accomplishments and provides a thorough accounting of all juvenile justice center operations. The staff at the Juvenile Court is of the highest quality and is clearly dedicated to the rehabilitation of the many youth coming through our doors. As you go through the report, you will see descriptions of many successful programs. Please keep in mind that the majority of these programs are conducted "in-house" by the staff, which has the added benefit of saving valuable taxpayer dollars.



NO EXCEPTIONS"



# In Fiscal Year 2013-2014, the Yuma County Juvenile Court accomplished the following:

- \* Managed an overall budget of \$10.1 million dollars.
- \* Collected \$158,082 in probation fees.
- \* Collected \$41,063 in restitution.
- \* 1,410 juveniles participated in the community restitution program.
- \* 8,368 hours of community restitution were completed, representing a savings of \$65,685.
- \* 12 juveniles tested and passed their GED's.
- \* 31 students graduated from Aztec High School.
- \* Juvenile Court has enlisted the services of Teen Law School to present workshops to juveniles going through the diversion program. Of the 95 youth who went through the program, 93 successfully completed.
- \* The Juvenile Drug Court Program served a total of 39 participants and graduated eight from the program.
- \* Probation officers continue to operate a random urinalysis collection system, testing over 3,000 urine specimens a year for drugs and alcohol.
- \* The Parent Orientation Program was continued and a total of 201 parents attended the classes.
- \* The Delinquency Prevention Program served 157 youth and their parents by providing educational classes in both English and Spanish on nutrition, HIV/STD, family communication and the dangers of substance abuse.
- \* Probation continued to operate a satellite office in south Yuma County serving an average of 80 families per month.
- \* 17 children in families units were referred to family counseling and 98% completed their sessions.



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#### **MISSION**

The mission of the Yuma County Juvenile Justice Center is to protect children and families, to promote justice and accountability and to provide rehabilitation for a safer community.

#### **VISION**

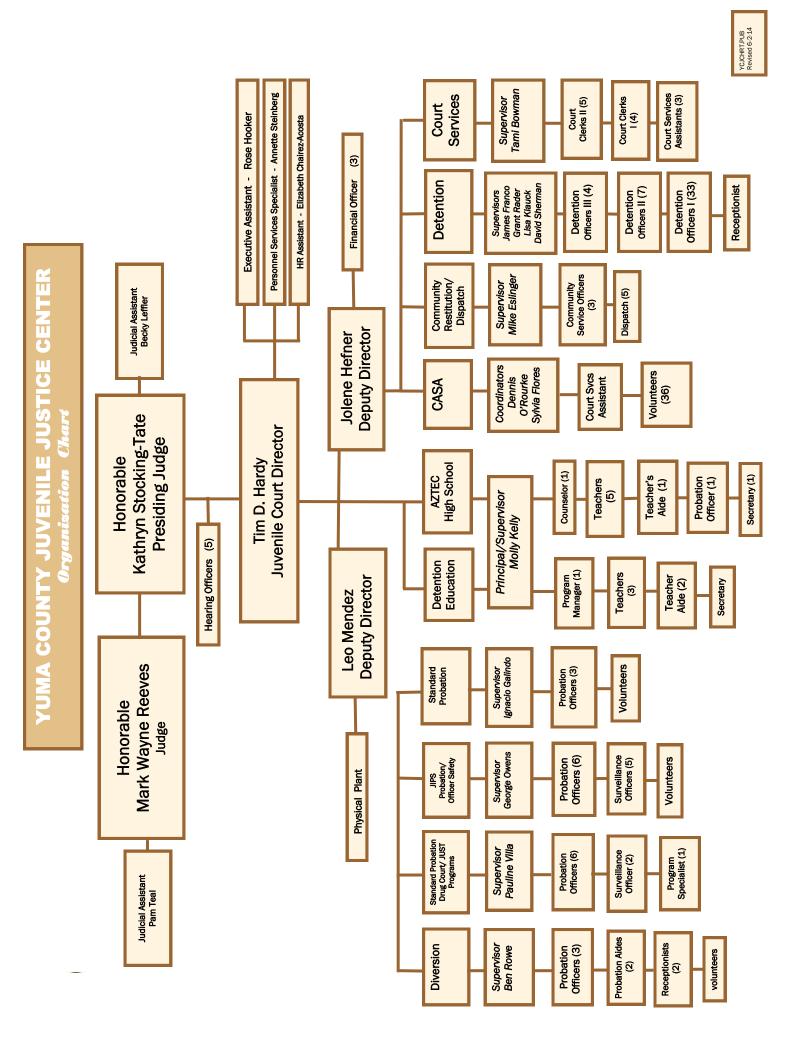
To be a leader in the advocacy of community safety and productive futures for Yuma County's youth and families.



#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- 1. Juvenile Delinquency Court judges should engage in judicial leadership and encourage system collaboration.
- 2. Juvenile delinquency systems must have adequate staff, facilities and program resources.
- 3. Juvenile Delinquency Courts and Juvenile Abuse and Neglect Courts should have integrated one family-one judge case assignments.
- 4. Juvenile Delinquency Court judges should have the same status as the highest level of trial court in the state and should have multiple year or permanent assignments.
- 5. All members of the Juvenile Delinquency Court shall treat youth, families, crime victims, witnesses and others with respect, dignity, courtesy and cultural understanding.
- 6. Juvenile Delinquency Court judges should ensure their systems divert cases to alternative systems whenever possible and appropriate.
- 7. Youth charged in the formal Juvenile Delinquency Court must have qualified and adequately compensated legal representation.
- 8. Juvenile Delinquency Court judges should ensure crime victims have access to all phases of the Juvenile Delinquency Court process and receive all services to which they are entitled by law.
- 9. Juvenile Delinquency Courts should render timely and just decisions and trials should conclude without continuances.
- 10. Juvenile Delinquency System staff should engage parents and families at all stages of the Juvenile Delinquency Court process to encourage family members to participate fully in the development and implementation of the youth's intervention plan.
- 11. The Juvenile Delinquency Court should engage the school and other community support systems as stakeholders in each individual youth's case.
- 12. Juvenile Delinquency Court judges should ensure court dispositions are individualized and include graduated responses, both sanctions and incentives.
- 13. Juvenile Delinquency Court judges should ensure effective post-disposition review is provided to each delinquent youth as long as the youth is involved in any component of the juvenile justice system.
- 14. Juvenile Delinquency Court judges should hold their systems and the systems of other Juvenile Delinquency Court stakeholders accountable.
- 15. Juvenile Delinquency Court judges should ensure the court has an information system that can generate the data necessary to evaluate performance.
- 16. The Juvenile Delinquency Court judge is responsible to ensure that the judiciary, court staff and all system participants are both individually trained and trained across the system and roles.





# Financial Funding

The Yuma County Juvenile Court received a total of \$9,914,380 in funding from various sources, starting with Yuma County, the State of Arizona, federal grants and special revenue funds

<b>Funding Source</b>	<u>Amount</u>
Aztec Charter High School	\$1,007,240
Aztec IDEA	\$14,668
CASA	\$127,502
County Funds	\$4,778,678
Court Improvement	\$23,673
Crime Reduction Fund	\$59,962
Detention Education	\$370,676
Diversion Consequences & Retained	\$88,314
Diversion Fees	\$15,459
Diversion Intake & Retained	\$641,338
Drug Court	\$33,029
Family Counseling	\$25,585
JAIBG	\$29,433
JIPS and Retained	\$1,158,367
Probation Fees	\$158,082
Standard and Retained	\$778,015
Treatment and Retained	\$802,833
Victim Rights	\$17,500





## Aztec High School



### "Building The Future - One Student at a time."

#### **New Science Lab**

Aztec High School started its new school year on August 6. There were 141 students enrolled, with 38 percent of the student body on juvenile probation. The majority of the students, 125 in total, were upper classmen, with only 14 freshman and sophomores. This is a change from the past, when there was a much larger sophomore class.

The students returned to find the new science lab ready to go. It consisted of plenty of room with the newest technology. The school had been working hard towards updating the schools technology to prepare for the new "Core Academic Standards." There were netbooks available in every class, along with laptops, notebooks, chrome books and tablets. The technology committee attended the National ISTE Conference in San Antonio, Texas to help them prepare for the upcoming state requirements. The ISTE conference was for schools, technology and education. It was an eye opening experience to know what was currently available.



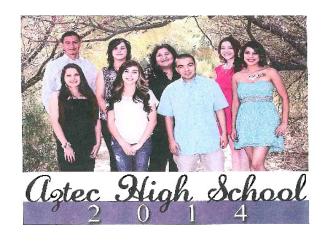


#### **New Snack Bar**

The other new project which is currently up and running is the new snack bar. Aztec is still participating in the National School Lunch and Breakfast program and now has an air conditioned facility in which to serve the students.



Aztec had 31 students graduate in FY 2014





# Community Restitution Program

#### Measurements of Success: July 2013 - June 2014

1,410 Number of juveniles who participated in community restitution throughout the year
8,368 Number of community restitution hours completed throughout the year
\$65,685 Monetary value of service (Number of hours x \$6.75 per hour)
\$3,950 Amount of restitution earned by juveniles and paid directly to victims

The Community Restitution Program continues to coordinate community restorative projects in Yuma County. Special projects this year have included landscaping and cleanup at the Yuma Conservation Garden, including parks for the cities of Gadsden, San Luis, Somerton and Yuma; and preparation of back-to-school backpacks for Yuma Regional Medical Center. Ongoing projects include graffiti abatement, clean up after local high school football games and other events, street clean up, landscaping for the cemetery and other public parks, and car washes for county and state vehicles. Restorative projects allow our juveniles to restore their own communities and provides court officers with an opportunity to instill a sense of community pride in the juveniles with whom we work.

The Community Restitution Department also had the opportunity to accomplish many more projects during the summer months due to the number of juveniles assigned to the program during this time. The table below shows the major projects that were completed.

Project	Juveniles	Hours	<u>Value</u>
Arizona Desert Elem. School	20	120	\$ 936.00
City of Yuma-distribution of Fliers	10	59.5	\$470.00
Gadsden Park (Classroom)	13	78	\$2,480.40
Kofa High School (Tree Trimming)	65	392	\$3,096.80
Woodard Junior High (Painting)	22	7	\$ 327.60
Yuma Cemetery	53	318	\$2,840.00
Yuma Conservation Garden	10	60	\$468.00
YRMC (School Supplies)	47	226	\$1,762.80
Carwashes and Landscaping	1185	7,072.5	\$53,662.85
TOTALS	1410	8,368	\$65,684.85



## Community Restitution Program

# Tier II and Aim For Success Programs Dedicate Garden to John Cicala

The Community Restitution Tier II Program was recently instituted with the goal of engaging high needs youth in life skills training, job shadowing opportunities, employment readiness skills, meaningful projects, and giving them hope for a brighter, more successful future.

On May 20, 2014, the Tier II Group of the Community Restitution Program and youth in detention's Aim for Success program began a garden project. The project consisted of a class by Mr. Gene Ingersoll on planter boxes and how to construct them. The participants learned from the ground up how to build planter boxes, use the necessary tools to build the boxes, plan and prepare an area for the boxes, install the planters, plan and install the irrigation system, and lastly, but most importantly, how to plant and care for the garden.

There were a total of five planters built, which now contain watermelon, cantaloupe and okra. The ongoing care of the garden is the joint responsibility of the youth participating in both the Tier II and Long Term Stay Programs.

The youth in the Tier II and Long
Term Stay Programs presented the
project to the judges and other court
staff on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. The garden has been named "John's Garden – A Place Where Hope Grows
For All Children – NO EXCEPTIONS!" The garden's named
came from a suggestion made quite
some time ago by Defense Attorney
John Cicala, to plant a garden in the



John Cicala and the Tier II participants in front of the garden

unused space between the court and detention. John; his wife, Misty; and their son, Jonah, were also present for the ceremony.

This program has been a great experience, not only for the participating youth, but also for the court



staff involved, as well as the volunteers who have donated their time and expertise. The volunteers involved in this project were Gene Ingersoll, Stacy Bealmear of the University of Arizona Co-Op and Ian Wilson









#### CASA



# The CASA's are proving that through their advocacy, a dependent child:

Achieves permanency expeditiously Receives necessary services in a timelier manner Has one person they can trust and count on

# Congratulations to CASA Volunteers for Serving the Children!

Over the last year, CASAs have been committed to and served 80 children whose lives were disrupted because of abuse or neglect. CASA work is done professionally and with integrity, with a strong commitment to the children who rely on the court to protect them, keep them safe, and find the "forever home" they deserve.

#### Recruitment

CASA continued with their volunteer recruitment outreach. Some of the recruitment activities were a booth at the "Walk A Mile In Their Shoes" Victims' Rights Walk on April 10th, The Yuma Centennial Block Party on April 12th, Child Abuse Prevention Fair on April 25th, and the Women's Expo on may 10th. They continued to distribute brochures, flyers, and posters throughout the Yuma Community. They also placed recruitment adds in the Yuma Sun and two ads in the Spanish newspaper, Bajo Del Sol, demonstrating their strong commitment to diversify their CASA volunteers.

#### **CASA Volunteers Statistics:**

Average number of volunteers	41
Cases	47
Children served	80
Percentage of wards of the court assigned to a CASA volunteer	22%
Hours dedicated	7,768
Miles driven	47,389



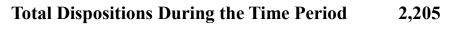






# Court Statistics

Referrals		Petitions	
Incorrigible Referrals	453	Incorrigible Petitions	95
Delinquent Referrals	1,759	Delinquent Petitions	1,237
Total Referrals	2,212	<b>Total Petitions</b>	1,332
	Disp	ositions	
Acquitted	1	Information only	0
Adjusted - decision not to file	355	Penalty only ordered	34
Adjusted - other	43	Placed on probation	238
Adjusted - non diversion	206	Placed on probation in another jurisdiction	1
Automatic transfer to adult jurisdiction	12	Placed on JIPS	117
Committed to ADJC	45	Protected Supervision	49
Continued on probation	194	Returned to ADJC	0
Continued on JIPS	319	Transferred to adult jurisdiction	9
Continued on protective supervision	67	Transferred to another Jurisdiction prior to adjudication	0
Deferred to adult jurisdiction prior to Juvenile Court action	42	Transferred to another Jurisdiction prior to disposition	0
Dismissed	176	Unsupervised probation	3
Diversion completed	302	Complaint withdrawn by referring agency	0
Diversion not completed	4		





# Court Statistics

# **Court Statistics**

Hearings Type	Total Hearings	Completed Hearings
Advisory	443	362
Advisory/Adjudication/ Disposition	557	554
Advisory/Adjudication	387	338
Change of Plea	18	18
Dependency/Severance	2,253	2,253
Detained Advisory	437	436
Detention	170	169
Disposition	242	232
Review of Status	319	298
Transfer	1	1
Trial	15	13
Drug Court	429	422
Warrant	9	9
Total	5,280	5,105
De	pendencies	S
Number of petitions filed (Includes both dependencies &	119	
Number of children with open dependencies	116	
Average length of stay in court system	470 days	
Number of severances		17



# **Detention Facility**

The Yuma County Juvenile Detention Center is a short term secure facility, used to house detained juveniles from Yuma County, La Paz County, the Cocopah Tribe, and other contractual holds.



# Detention Statistics FY 2013 - 2014

#### Aim for Success (AFS) Program

Juveniles in detention at the beginning of the period	32
Juveniles booked into detention	1,008
Total juveniles detained	1,040
Juveniles released	1,009
Juveniles in detention at the end of the period	31
Unduplicated number of juveniles detained	530
Total days	10,072
Average daily population	27.6
Average length of stay for juveniles	9.8 days

The Juvenile Court has implemented a pilot program in detention to increase positive reentry and transition efforts, thereby reducing future delinquent behavior. The Long Term Stay (LTS) program is now the Aim for Success (AFS) program and is designed to allow juveniles to remain in the community while being provided with a structured environment and transition to increase pro social skills and reduce future delinquent behavior. Eligible juveniles who are court-ordered into this program will remain in detention up to six months and no longer than nine months. The juveniles will be detained in the juvenile detention center with increasing temporary release status once they reach Level 5 - Transition Phase, usually within 60 days of their release date. As of end of the fiscal year, three juveniles have been participating in the program.

PREA Issue	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14
Sexual abuse allegations	N/A	2	0
Sexual abuse allegations substantiated	N/A	0	0
Sexual abuse allegations unsubstantiated	N/A	0	0
Sexual abuse allegations unfounded	N/A	2	0
Sexual harassment allegations	N/A	0	0
Sexual harassment allegations substantiated	N/A	0	0
Sexual harassment allegations unsubstantiated	N/A	0	0
Sexual harassment allegations unfounded	N/A	0	0
Other: Undue Familiarity	N/A	0	1

#### PROGRESS IN ADDRESSING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT:

FY 2014:

Youth Educated on PREA: 356 (unduplicated)

Staff Trained: 133

Corrective Action/Recommendations:

- 1. Continue to engage in MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Amberly's Place and Yuma Police Department
- Increase other department knowledge of PREA through ongoing training.
- 3. Increase number of trainers to facilitate PREA staff training



# Detention Education Program

The Detention Education Program operates on a year round basis and provides education to the detained youth based on federal and state statutes. The school was in session for 226 days for the year 2013-2014, with a minimum of five hours of instruction every day. In 2013-2014 the program served 343 students. The students received academic services through direct instruction with the certified teachers in Reading, Math, and Life Skills. Along with the direct instruction, the students also worked on individualized curriculums through a computer based program.

The major goal of the Detention Education Program is to provide a continuum of services to help the students a seamless transition back to their home schools and the community. With this goal in mind, the program works closely with the local schools. The work is requested from the home schools and the students are given the opportunity to complete the work with the guidance of the detention education staff. The detained students are also allowed to access their class assignments through their school's web based programs like Edmodo, A+, and E 20/20. This enables the students to transition back to their home school without falling behind in their classes.

A big accomplishment of the program was that more than 300 students continued their school work while being detained, with eight students completing the requirements for a high school diploma and graduating from their high schools, while the others continued their high school education.

Statistics FY 13-14		
Students served (total)	343	
School days	226	
School hours/day	5	
Males	253	
Females	78	
Average length of stay	9.8	
Average daily population	27.6	

#### **GED TESTING**

The A+ Learning Program is utilized for GED services to qualified students. The GED Program includes pre-testing, preparation and final testing. There were several students who participated in the program and 13 students who received their GED diplomas.

The students who obtained a GED or a high school diploma were offered an online course in Orientation to College: Strategies for Success through the Arizona Western College. Also, courses on College Readiness, Career Essentials, Personal Finance, Workplace skills and Ethics in the Workplace are frequently used to prepare students for post school life and career readiness. The Work Skills Program and the AZCIS were used to provide career exploration and work skills training.

A progress review meeting of the education/transition plan is held for those students who stay in detention over 30 days. The team includes the student, parent, probation officer, and education staff.



# Radio Communications Division (Dispatch)

The mission of the Radio Communication Division (Dispatch) is to provide county-wide voice communications for entities dealing with juvenile and adult probation.

For Fiscal Year 2013-14

#### Dispatch answered 22,396 calls

These included calls for Dispatch, Adult Probation, Detention, Community Restitution, Aztec High School and others. During this fiscal year, we have begun attending Yuma Regional Communications System meetings. Through a collaborative partnership, we have enhanced our radio communications to better promote officer safety. This includes patching directly and participating in meetings with other dispatchers. We have also been authorized to participate in the mutual aid channel and are currently working on the implementation.

#### **Diversion Services**

## **Diversion Referrals**

Juveniles Referred	Juveniles Completed
331	277

Performance Measures	Expected	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3nd Quarter	4th Quarter
Diversion eligible juveniles will receive an intake interview within 30 days of receipt of a referral by the department	70%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Diversion eligible juveniles will have a risk needs assessment completed.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Diversion eligible juveniles will pay the diversion fee (parental assessment)	75%	72%	83%	88%	80%
Juveniles will complete consequences within 90 days of assignment.	70%	94%	94%	92%	86%



### Juvenile Intensive Probation

# **JIPS Population**

Active and inactive youth beginning 07/01/13	116	Less youth terminated ending 06/30/014	
Less warrants (90 days or over)	5	Remanded to adult court	0
Less administrative	6	Adult - Reason unknown	2
Total active	105	ADJC	14
		Standard probation	15
Added youth ending 06/30/12	<b>79</b>	Released from probation	94
Youth added due to 2nd felony	3	Other	0
Youth added from standard probation	43	Total terminated	125
Other youth added	33		

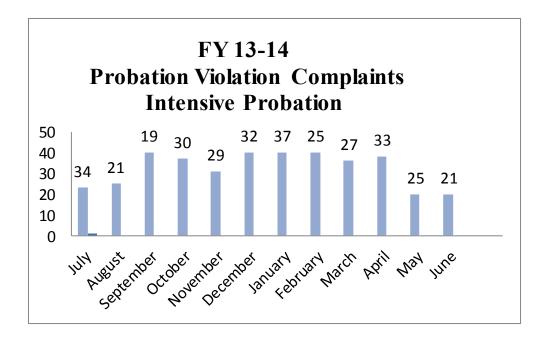
Number active and inactive youth on JIPS

At end of period: 70

Less warrants (90 days and over) 3

Less administrative 2

Total active 65





# **Probation Statistics**

JIPS Activity Report (32 Hour Program)			
School	87,971		
Employment	7,351		
Treatment	5,608		
Community Restitution	15,357		
Other	46,552		
Total Hours	162,840		

Weekday	10,320	Phone	1,483
Weeknight	5,254	School	331
Weekend Day	1,812	Employer	16
Weekend Night	3,534	Treatment	580
Office	3,526	Community Restitution	39
Field	17,394	Parental	8,374

#### Number of UA's

**2,852** (76 positive - 2.7%) \*Counts are based on number of field tests conducted

Performance Measures	Expected	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3nd Quarter	4th Quarter
JIPS juveniles ordered to pay restitution who are paying	60%	62%	65%	80%	100%
JIPS juveniles ordered to pay probation fees who are paying	60%	71%	68%	81%	76%
JIPS juveniles assigned to community restitution hours who successfully completed consequences	70%	97%	100%	100%	94%
JIPS juveniles enrolled and attending school, vocational programs or employed	90%	95%	97%	97%	96%
JIPS juveniles who do not reoffend (new delinquent referrals only)	60%	91%	100%	100%	94%
JIPS juveniles who successfully completed JIPS (defined as "turned 18 without pending referral, terminated from JIPS or reduced to standard probation)	66%	74%	83%	87%	82%



# Standard Probation

# **Standard Population**

Active and inactive youth beginning 07/01/013	258
Less warrants (90 days or over)	,
Less administrative	20
Total active	23
Added youth ending 06/30/14	27
Less youth terminated ending 06/30/14	
Remanded to adult court	0
(Pre-adjudication)	0
ADJC	5
JIPS	50
Released from probation	211
Other	12
Adult Reason Unknown	0
Total terminated	278
Number active and inactive youth on standard	
At end of period:	251
Less warrants (90 days and over)	8
Less administrative	6
Total active	237

Performance Measures	Expected	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	
Standard juveniles ordered to pay restitution who are paying	70%	58%	67%	67%	88%	
Standard juveniles ordered to pay probation fees who are paying	65%	82%	79%	83%	83%	
Standard juveniles assigned to community restitution hours who successfully completed consequences	70%	92%	96%	94%	98%	
Standard juveniles enrolled and attending school, vocational programs or employed	90%	97%	95%	95%	95%	
Standard juveniles who successfully completed standard probation (defined as "turned 18 or released from probation)	66%	86%	91%	90%	92%	
Standard probationers who will not reoffend (new delinquent referrals only)	60%	98%	100%	98%	98%	

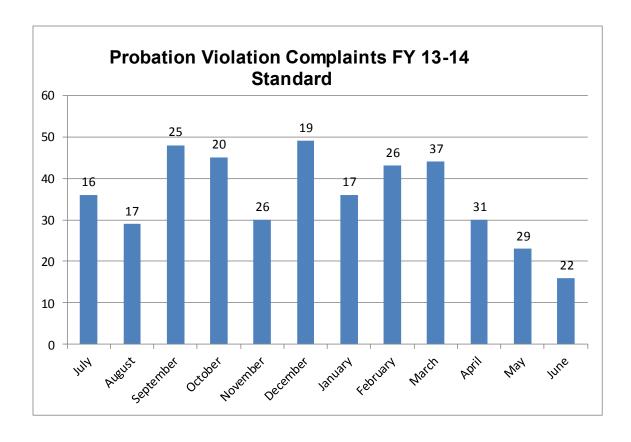


## Standard Probation

#### Juvenile Probation Statistics

#### FY 2013 - 2014

Total number of juveniles on probation in the period	902
Total number of juveniles with a probation violation in the period	279
Probation violation rate (including technical violations)	43.4%
Total number of juveniles on probation at the start of the period (active and inactive)	514
Total number of juveniles placed on probation during the period (including changes in supervision level)	388
Total number of juveniles terminated from probation during the period	474
Total number of juveniles on probation at the end of the period (active and inactive)	428





#### Community Involvement /Positive Incentives For FY 2013 - 2014

Diversion—Intake/Consequences; Standard Probation; Juvenile Intensive Probation (JIPS); Community Restitution Program; Family Counseling

As part of its strategic plan, the Juvenile Justice Center modified its mission statement to "Protect children and families; promote justice and accountability and provide rehabilitation for a safer community." This statement is now displayed on banners throughout the facility to remind staff of the philosophy under which they work.

Probation officers are highly instrumental in staff development and provide a wide range of mandated training, including officer safety orientation, defensive tactics, defensive driving, van safety, motivational interviewing, verbal de-escalation, CPR, blood-borne pathogens and firearms. Ongoing in-house training is not only cost-effective, but promotes professionalism and excellent service delivery, two elements necessary to provide successful programs. Probation has also assisted in enhancing existing self- defense training in detention over the past three years and has initiated more reality-based training, to include Simunitions and stress inoculated defensive tactics training. Officer safety trainers work collaboratively with adult probation and all field safety training is done jointly. Trainers meet twice a year to go over curriculum and to develop a plan of action for upcoming classes.

As a result the updating of its five-year strategic plan in 2013, standing subcommittees to the management team were established to oversee the completion of various elements of the plan. These subcommittees are the Evidence Based Practices Committee, the Safety and Security Committee, the Department Advisory Committee and the Court Information Committee.

During FY 2014, the Juvenile Court hosted two blood drives on site, in conjunction with United Blood Services. During those drives, 68 individuals, primarily employees of the Juvenile Court, stepped up to donate. Not only is this an excellent way for our officers to give back to the community, the result ultimately saved up to 160 lives in the process.

Members of the Safety and Security Committee attended FEMA's Incident Command System (ICS) classes 100, 200 and 700. They presented on active shooter and workplace violence to all court staff. They have performed lockdown drills on the Aztec High School campus and are currently working on an emergency response plan for the Juvenile Justice Center.

Through regional training meetings involving lead trainers in the Yuma area, as well as state, and federal law enforcement agencies, the Juvenile Court continues to share training opportunities with stakeholders. Trainers have assisted in a number of free training opportunities, to include FEMA's Incident Command System (ICS) programs. We have utilized trainers to assist with Simunitions and began participating in regional dispatcher meetings.

All families continue to receive monthly notifications advising them of the status of their financial obligations. Payment of probation fees is a condition of probation and failure to successfully comply with this obligation can result in parents being brought before the court or other accountability measures being taken.



During FY 2014, the Juvenile Court collected \$41,063.00 in restitution. This is attributed in part to the restitution programs that the Juvenile Court has developed in an effort to increase this performance measure and to provide financial reparation to victims in Yuma County. Notifications are mailed to all families on a monthly basis, advising them of their financial obligation to the court. If a family continues to be delinquent, they are brought before the court and referred to the court's collection specialist to make payment arrangements short of being referred to an outside collections agency or for tax intercept. Payment of any financial assessment is a condition of probation and failure to successfully comply with this obligation may result in the parent being brought before the court or other accountability measures being taken.

The probation department continues to coordinate community restorative projects in Yuma County. pecial projects this year have involved landscaping and clean-up projects throughout the county, including parks for the cities of Gadsden, San Luis, Somerton and Yuma; the Conservation Garden; the Habitat for Humanity park; the Martin Luther King Center; and Yuma County roads.

Other projects included the clean-up of local area high school football fields after games, assisting Yuma Regional Medical Center's drive for supplies for the 2013-2014 school year, setting up for the school year at Arizona Desert Elementary School, painting at Woodard Junior High School and setup at Community Intervention Associates' "Health for the Holidays" event.

During the course of the fiscal year, officers of the Yuma County Juvenile Probation Department have worked closely with other agencies to improve officer safety. In August of 2013, we coordinated firearms training, to include tactical and Simunitions with the U.S. Marshal's Office. In October of 2013, we provided Defensive Tactics and Firearms training for the La Paz County Probation Department. In October of 2013 and January of 2014, we assisted the Constables Office by running firearm simulations through the FATS machine. In January of 2014, we assisted Court Security by completing all weapon inspections and deep cleaning of their Glock handguns.

The Juvenile Court continues to work towards the implementation of the new JOLTSaz system. JOLTSaz will increase juvenile accountability through more sophisticated methodology (e.g. fingerprints, photos) and will make tracking for accountability more effective and efficient. It will decrease the use of paper tracking and the redundancy of data entry. This new technology will provide an enhanced automation infrastructure to the Juvenile Courts for 14 of the 15 Arizona counties and will provide the basis for more extensive use of JOLTS data for decision making at both the policy and the child level. Staff members from all departments have been working collaboratively on completing and testing business practices for the new system. The current plan is for the rollout to take place no later than early 2015.

The Yuma County Juvenile Court has continued the service contract with BI Incorporated, a global positioning system (GPS) / electronic monitoring (EM) provider, to assist with detention overcrowding. Due to the limited capacity of our detention facility, the average number of units being utilized daily has increased significantly. We currently have 35 units available to the program. During this fiscal year, we had 333 installations totaling 7,560 days of service. The program is a cost effective detention alternative, as it allows juveniles who would otherwise be detained, to remain in their homes under strict supervision.



The Yuma County Juvenile Court continues to operate a satellite office in the city of San Luis, Arizona. It houses two full-time juvenile court officers (JIPS and Standard Probation) and work space for other officers. These officers have consistently supervised and served over 80 juveniles and their families. The building's technology enables the probation officers to attend court hearings or participate in treatment staffings via video conferencing, instead of having to travel long distances to support their children and incur additional expenses. The Juvenile Court allows access to Yuma County Adult Probation during the evenings to perform data entry functions. The Juvenile Court installed APETS on the computers to allowed Adult Probation Officers to have access to their electronic files and to maximize productivity. Most recently, the probation officers were deputized as court clerks to allow them to assist in the verification of daily deposit logs in order to maintain compliance with minimum accounting standards.

The Juvenile Court, through its Share the Joy fundraising program, worked throughout the year to make the holiday season a little more memorable for a number of families in Yuma County. Departmental fundraisers over the course of the year brought in nearly \$5,000.00. As a result, meals and food boxes were provided to 20 needy families (93 people) at Thanksgiving and 23 families (110) people at Christmas. In addition, clothing, toiletries and toys were provided to 17 families (79 people).

Four probation and detention personnel recently attended a train-the-trainer course for motivational Interviewing (MI) at the AOC, which was followed by sitting in on a three day MI training through the Department of Juvenile Corrections. A training regimen was developed and a series of MI trainings was begun for all staff of the Juvenile Court.

Discussions with the Yuma Police Department's chief and his staff in October regarding the New World reporting system resulted in the placement of printers and equipment on site at the juvenile detention center in order to streamline the reporting process. Others topic under discussion are setting up a gang detail operation and a community work project with both agencies, as well as assistance with high risk transports and searches.

The Juvenile Court co-sponsored a weeklong series of events and a recognition luncheon for adult and juvenile probation officers and other court staff during the National Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Officers Week, July 21-27, 2013.

On July 27, 2013, the Juvenile Probation Department participated in the Back to School Rodeo that was sponsored by the City of Yuma. The Yuma County Juvenile Court was part of 80 community partners – all under one roof- supporting education and providing school supplies to help prepare kids for school. The first 1000 children that arrived at the event received a free drawstring backpack filled with school supplies donated by Phoenix Suns and the City of Yuma. Free health and vision screening, raffle prizes, face painting and free backpacks were handed out at this event. The event also featured dance performers and martial arts presentations throughout the day. Most importantly, it brings the community together where parents can learn everything that is available to them in the community and ensure that their kids start the school year right.

The Juvenile Court continues to provide incentives and rewards to juveniles on probation who are doing well in school and on probation. The funds have been utilized to purchase gift cards from Wal-Mart, Target, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Hastings, Harkins Theatres, Wild River Family Entertainment, Jack in the Box, Pizza Hut and Little Caesar's Pizza. These funds have also been used to purchase bicycle parts, school uniforms and other clothing for youth on probation who could not otherwise afford them.



In August of 2013, the Juvenile Court initiated a Wellness Committee, the first to be created at the department level in the county. Over the course of the year, staff members have had the opportunity to participate in bowling, hiking and canoeing, as well as eating and healthy living promotions and challenges.

In September of 2013, the Juvenile Court had a threat assessment completed on all of its buildings. Through the assessment, we have updated knox boxes, upgraded doorways, placed alarms on exit doors and have recently purchased an alarm system to activate a lockdown in all three facilities simultaneously.

On September 19, 2013, Yuma County Juvenile Court's supervisor, line officer, detention officer, employee and trainer of the year were recognized as nominees for the state awards at the annual Arizona Probation Employee Recognition Day held at the East Valley Institute of Technology in Mesa, Arizona. Jose Carranza was introduced as Arizona's probation officer of the year. A special guest at the event, which is sponsored by the Arizona Chief Probation Officers Association, was Rebecca White Berch, Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court.

On September 29, 2013, Drug Court participants attended a career fair at the Martin Luther King Center, which was sponsored by Yuma Private Industry Council. The participants were provided a workshop in chosen careers and vocational education. Numerous agencies assisted with booths at this career fair, including Arizona Western College (AWC), U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. Participants were given information on the following: a local school for truck driving, AWC's certified nursing assistant program, welding, automotive, and culinary arts programs.

In October of 2013, meetings were held with all law enforcement agencies in Yuma County to discuss a number of issues, including the significant drop in referrals from all agencies and their implementation of the New World system for juvenile referrals and reports. Collaboration with law enforcement on these and other issues is vital to an effective and coordinated response to youth crime in the county.

In October of 2013, the Yuma Police Department hosted an Active Shooter and Workplace Violence training for all Juvenile Court staff. This was followed by the development of an emergency response plan at Aztec High School, the juvenile court's charter high school. This plan and a master key were provided to law enforcement, who helped to conduct a drill and a scenario for staff.

On October 5, 2013, probation personnel participated in the Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods (GAIN) event. This is a free annual event, in which local law enforcement agencies, along with fire and rescue agencies, put on static displays of equipment for the public. Law enforcement officers and rescue personnel are available to meet and talk with the public about a variety of topics, such as safety programs, careers in law enforcement, fire and EMS services and public safety issues. Over 2,000 people were in attendance at the most recent event.

On October 30, 2013, probation officers and court clerks participated in the annual Adult Probation Halloween Safety Event. The event was held at the Yuma County Library with over 25 agencies handing out candy, as well as educational brochures on crime prevention and recreational activities in the community.



The Juvenile Court conducted its fifth annual Yuma County National Adoption Day on November 23, 2013. Juvenile judges Kathryn Stocking-Tate and Mark Wayne Reeves, with the assistance of the probation department and Juvenile Court staff, presided over 11 adoption hearings involving 20 children during a three hour period. The juvenile court offered a continental breakfast, entertainment, gifts and a professional photographer for the families to celebrate this memorial occasion.

During the holiday season, the Girl's Arts and Craft Club decorated Thanksgiving wreaths, with the winning design receiving an award from the director. The club also put in considerable time decorating food boxes for the Share the Joy program that provided meals to 23 families throughout Yuma County.

In December of 2013, the probation department participated in a warrant detail. This detail consisted of several probation and surveillance officers and the Yuma Police Department, following up on locating juveniles who had active arrest warrants.

In December of 2013, all juvenile probation officers attended training on utilizing the Arizona Youth Assessment System (AZYAS) software to generate treatment plans. All probation officers are currently completing their treatment plans directly from the AZYAS software. Treatment plans address the highest risk domains identified by the AZYAS. All discrepancies are being communicated to the AOC in order to improve the quality of the work being generated by probation officers.

In December of 2013, the Juvenile Court initiated bi-monthly meetings with Cenpatico, the regional behavioral health authority; the juvenile court judges; probation staff; Child Protective Services staff; and Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) staff. These meetings are designed to identify barriers and to streamline the referral process for treatment services for children and families in the Juvenile Court system.

On December 13, 2013, the Juvenile Court sponsored the second annual Tailgate Chili Cook-Off to benefit the Share the Joy fundraiser. The event raised over \$240.00 to provide gifts and meals to needy families within the Juvenile Court system during the holiday season. Court employees decorated tables, booths and canopies, with various themes, while serving and competing for the best tasting chili.

During this review period, the probation department has begun to implement Gender Responsive Programming for females on probation. This programming will enhance services to girls on probation and in the detention center at the Yuma County Juvenile Justice Center. In addition, it will create an environment that reflects an understanding of the lives of girls and addresses both their strengths and their challenges.

Juveniles on probation have participated in community work projects to assist the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, to include Adoption Day, fund raising events for the non-profit and the annual awards recognition banquet.

During the second half of FY 2014, the Juvenile Court enhanced its community restitution program through the implementation of tier levels. Tier I modeled traditional community restitution, consisting of primarily low risk juveniles going through diversion or on standard probation. High risk juveniles on standard and intensive probation were referred to Tier II is overseen by a probation officer and combines traditional community work with the "Merging Two Worlds" life skills curriculum. Activities include career exploration with various community and governmental agencies, job skills training and the development and maintenance of a community garden



In January of 2014, an all-female caseload was developed in standard probation, supervised by a female probation officer. In collaboration with the Yuma Private Industry Council (YPIC), a life skills program was created for this caseload. These sessions are attended twice a month by the girls on this caseload and two female probation officers attend these sessions.

Beginning in February of 2014, all staff of the Juvenile Court participated over a six month period in a team building training provided by the county. A very interactive two day program called "You as a Team," this class identified the characteristics that make a good team "great," the purpose of the team and the stages of development that help teams reach that pinnacle. It also provided techniques for conflict management, overcoming negativism, developing ground rules and acquiring listening skills that help make better communicators and listeners.

On February 24, 2014, officers of the Yuma County Juvenile Probation Department assisted the Yuma Police Department in hosting a local gang training for all law enforcement in Yuma County; we sent over 10 officers to the training, as well.

In March and April of 2014, all staff began participating in training on Evidence Based Practices, the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI), Kids at Hope and Motivational Interviewing. The Juvenile Court has symbolically portrayed the philosophy of evidence based practices through the use of a train, with each car promoting one of the topics. The EBP Express has been posted next to our mission statement and is part of our online intranet resources for employees.

Standard and JIPS probation officers coordinated a community restorative project in the south part of Yuma County during spring break in April of 2014. These probation officers selected a group of juveniles from San Luis and worked side by side with them doing clean-up projects and graffiti removal. These efforts reflect well in our commitment to community involvement, but most importantly, it allowed our juveniles to restore their own community and our probation officer the opportunity to restore their juveniles' sense of community pride.

On April 1, 2014, probation officers coordinated an in-service for the judges, county attorney and public defender's office concerning the supervision of juveniles who commit sexual offenses. The in-service was facilitated by our current treatment and polygraph providers, who presented in detail the treatment model and supervision practices offered to this special population.

In May of 2014, a substance abuse counselor was hired by the Yuma County Juvenile Justice Center. The counselor has begun drug and alcohol group therapy for females in the Drug Court program, which has allowed the females to have their own group instead of participating in the male group. The counselor also provides individual and family counseling, as well, for youth referred to the court and crisis intervention for youth in the detention center.

On May 5, 2014, the Juvenile Court hosted over 150 people representing over 40 community stakeholder agencies at a presentation of Kids at HOPE by Rick Miller. Through collaboratively working with stakeholders, Yuma City Council chambers were procured for the presentation, which was filmed, and participants completed an exit survey, which showed consistently high marks. The juvenile court fostered this community event in hopes of promoting the philosophy that "Every child is capable of success, NO EXCEPTIONS."



On May 20, 2014, the court hosted a Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) kickoff. The presentation was an orientation to JDAI, attended by over 87 participants representing over 30 different stakeholders in the community. We educated our stakeholders on the JDAI initiative and had With representatives from the AOC and the Casey Foundation on hand, staff and stakeholders were educated on JDAI.

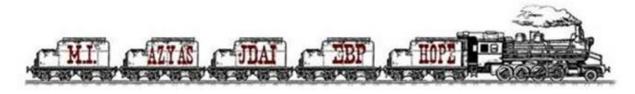
On May 31, 2014, probation officers and youths attended the "Battle of The Badges" community event in San Luis, Arizona, which was sponsored by the San Luis Police Department to raise funds for the local Youth Boxing Association Club. Law enforcement officers from multiple agencies participated and provided an opportunity for positive interaction with youth and the community at large.

On June 17, 2014, the Juvenile Court co-sponsored a six hour training with Amberly's Place on "Investigator Interviewing for Sexual Abuse Allegations." The training offered a variety of interviewing techniques to law enforcement personnel for interviewing victims of sexual abuse and related crimes. Approximately 30 officers attended the event, including several local law enforcement agencies and officers, detectives, and Imperial County Sheriff's Office personnel.

On June 17, 2014, probation officers participated in a Career Day at Southwest Middle School in south Yuma County. Probation officers discussed the duties and responsibilities of the job and shared work related experiences with participants. These presentations allow the probation officers to keep the community informed of the services offered by the Juvenile Court.

On June 19-20, 2014, over 21 Juvenile Court staff participated in a detention utilization study as part of Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative. We are currently waiting on the system assessment.

On June 24, 2014, probation officers participated in the AZYAS Case Plan workgroup to discuss the pre-populated and dropdown lists in the current AZYAS case plan. The goal was to gather commonly used goals, objectives and techniques used by the counties to create a statewide user-friendly list.



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## Drug Court

The Yuma County Juvenile Drug Court continues to operate a highly successful program, with a graduation rate of 63% since its inception 14 years ago. During the first half of FY 2014, a total of 39 participants were served and 8 graduated successfully from the program.

Probation officers continue to operate a random urinalysis collection system, testing over 3,000 urine specimens a year for drugs and alcohol. This system requires assigned juveniles to call a daily hot line which can advise in English or Spanish if they need to report to the probation office to submit to urinalysis. All probation officers are assigned UA duty at least bi-weekly. During this assignment, probation officers monitor attendance, collect and test the specimens and record all urinalysis results in a tracking system data base. Juveniles report that calling in each day reminds them of the importance of maintaining their sobriety.

From July, 2013 through June 21, 2014, the Drug Court team and participants completed their quarterly community work projects at the Yuma County Food Bank, in conjunction with the court's community restitution program. The team worked three hours on a Saturday, stocking shelves and packing food boxes for the less fortunate. This project has been a great success and has allowed participants to work side by side with the Drug Court team, as well as giving back to the community.

On October 31, 2013, the Juvenile Drug Court team members participated in the 4th Annual Scary and Safe Halloween event, which was sponsored by the Arizona Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics and Special Olympics. The successful event was held at the Yuma Territorial Prison and had over 1,800 youth in attendance.

On May 12th and 19th, 2014, Drug Court participants attended training with the Yuma Private Industry Council on Life Skills and Employability.

On March 19, 2014, the Drug Court participants and team went bowling together. This event was a very positive experience, not only because it was the first time bowling for several of the participants, but also because it allowed them to have a "team building" experience.

In May of 2014, numerous members of the Drug Court team attended the National Drug Court Conference in Anaheim, California. This was the first national training the team had had the opportunity to attend and it proved to be extremely valuable to the program. Since the training, the team has met several times to make changes to the program and to the use of sanctions and incentives.

On April 14, 2014, a former Miss Yuma County, who is also a past drug user and is now HIV positive, gave a presentation to the drug court participants. She discussed her life before she used drugs and then where the drugs had led her, actively engaging the participants in a question and answer session at the end of the presentation.

On April 15 and May 7, 2014, Drug Court probation officers and the rest of the team presented to the Yuma Rotary Clubs on the services offered by the program and the types of drugs being used by youth in the community.

Drug Court Program FY 2013 - 2014 Statistics			
Hearings	447		
Juveniles Served	46		
<b>Drug Court Graduates</b>	8		
Terminations	15		
Total UA's	1,200		
Negative Positive	1,063 137		



#### Parent Orientation

Probation officers continue to facilitate a Parent Orientation Program, providing probation-related information to 137 parents during FY 2014. The goal of these classes is to talk to parents about probation services in an informal setting in order to generate parental collaboration during their supervision experience. Offered in both English and Spanish, these classes are held on the third Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, including a separate Spanish class at the San Luis office, if needed The classes are presented in a strength based format and focus on the positive results of parental participation. Parents learn the common terms that are used in probation supervision, become familiar with accessing services that will benefit their families and children and are given an opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Parent Participation for FY 2013-2014		
	Parents	
JIPS	5	
<b>Protective Supervision</b>	44	
Standard	152	
Total	201	

## Protective Supervision

Probation officers have worked collaboratively with the County Attorney's Office and the Clerk of the Juvenile Court to coordinate a Truancy workshop for Yuma County schools. At the beginning of the 2013-14 school year, the team facilitated two workshops in which all of the schools in Yuma County were educated on the truancy referral process; over 35 school representatives attended.

Statistics for FY 2013 - 2014		
Active youth on Protective Supervision	101	
Youth placed during period	49	
Youth released during period	50	
Total youth at the end of the period	51	

#### Teen Law School

The Juvenile Court continues to enlist the services of Teen Law School to present workshops to juveniles going through the diversion program. The workshops use trained professionals and local attorneys to provide teens with valuable information on the leading legal dangers of teenage life and what they need to know about local, state and federal laws. Topics include drinking, driving, drugs, truancy, fake ID's, dating and relationships, bullying, fighting, sexting and other forms of social media and protecting legal rights. Of the 95 youth who went through the program during FY 2014, 93 successfully completed. Teen Law School is modifying its contract with the AOC to provide this program to juveniles on standard probation as of July 1, 2014.



## Truancy Prevention

The probation department continues to work closely with Aztec High School, which is located on the Juvenile Court campus. Forty percent of Aztec's enrollment is currently made up of probationers. Probation officers visit the campus regularly and are called upon immediately when a probationer has violated school rules. They are also brought in to address probationers' truancy issues, to assist with special details at the school and to work with after school issues. Most recently, we are working on success plans with ten high risk students, collaboratively with their families.

The probation department continues to maintain excellent working relationships with the high school districts in Yuma County. Officers are assigned as liaisons to each school and points of contacts for other schools. This allows the schools to quickly access probation services, when needed. The liaison exchanges information, such as school lists, attendance and grades, and disseminates it to the assigned officer.

The probation department is a leader in promoting and participating in a working committee with the local high schools. Common concerns are shared, processes are evaluated, student progress is analyzed and the committee works on gradual, continual improvement. We meet monthly and have accomplished a number of tasks this year. We have made multiple system enhancements, to include success plans, utilizing positive behavioral intervention supports, enhancement of technology to communicate and a realistic approach that is student and family friendly.

## Delinquency Prevention Program

The Delinquency Prevention Program served a total of 95 families during FY 2014 by providing educational classes in English and Spanish on a variety of topics to both youths and their parents. Presentations are made by Juvenile Court staff, as well as representatives of the Yuma County Health Department, the Arizona National Guard, the Arizona Department of Corrections, Puentes de Amistad and Mohave State Bank. Topics include nutrition, HIV/STD, family communication, the dangers of substance abuse, financial literacy and credit education.

#### Statistics for FY 2013 - 2014

Juveniles admitted	157	Parents admitted	203
Parents completing the program	156	Parent currently attending	205
Juveniles completing the program	130	Juveniles currently attending	175

## Teen Outreach Program

Probation officers and volunteers have continued to facilitate an arts and crafts program for female probationers in the south county probation office. The program is designed to promote individual creativity, exploration and expression. Youth are taught visual art techniques and are provided with opportunities and a wide range of materials. Both direct and indirect learning objectives are set for art and craft activities, such as independence, perseverance, creativity, artistic interpretation and visual representation of ideas. The group meets monthly and, at the end of each session, the group engages in a discussion and offers ideas for the next project. This activity allows the group to work as a team and to develop projects that are meaningful to them.



#### **Treatment**

#### Juvenile Court receives funding from the Administrative Office of the Supreme Court to provide rehabilitative services to juveniles on probation or to those referred to the Diversion Program.

The juvenile court continues to partner with treatment agencies to conduct psychiatric evaluations, counseling sessions, treatment staffing, and parent visitation through the use of web cams. The utilization of technology reduces costs, ensures that appointments do not get missed if the child becomes detained and helps supplement additional visits for the family if the child is in out of home placement.

Through better utilization of AHCCCS funding, the Yuma County Juvenile Court has continued to provide quality care to families while not relying as heavily on state treatment dollars. AHCCCS dollars were used to fund 18 of 24 out of home placements during the FY 2014, saving the department over \$270,000 in AOC treatment funds.

Juvenile probation officers attended training on utilizing the Arizona Youth Assessment System (AZYAS) software to generate treatment plans. Although the treatment plan feature has been a work in progress, all probation officers are currently completing their treatment plans directly from the AZYAS software. Treatment plans address the highest risk domains identified by the AZYAS. All discrepancies are being communicated to the AOC in order to improve the quality of the work being generated by probation officers.

# Juveniles Under Supervision and Treatment

The Juveniles Under Supervision and Treatment (J.U.S.T.) Program continues to strive for our proposed goal that 75% of juveniles in the program will not commit a new offense while on probation. A total of 53 juveniles were served in the J.U.S.T. Program during the FY 2014. 17 were successfully released from probation and two youth were placed on Juvenile Intensive Probation. There are currently 34 youth in the program. All 53 youth served in the program this review period were enrolled and attending school.

Juveniles served	53
Adjudicated on a new offense	0
Successfully released from Probation	17
Unsuccessfully released - turned 18	2



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